Executive Froclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Diabetes, a chronic, metabolic disorder which adversely affects the body's ability to manufacture or utilize insulin, now afflicts over twelve million Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The cause and prevention of diabetes is still unknown and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDF), an accredited voluntary health agency, has as its primary objective the support and funding of research to prevent the complications of diabetes and ultimately find a cure; as of now it can only be controlled by insulin, diet and exercise; and,

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International is the largest funding source for diabetes research in the world, except for the United States Government. In the past ten years JDF has contributed over \$30 million to diabetes research. Organized in 1970 by a group of parents whose children suffered from the disease, JDF now has 172 chapters worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Largely through the contribution of JDF to research, many new breakthroughs have occurred in the treatment of this disease which is the third leading cause of death by disease in America (after heart disease and cancer) and the leading cause of new blindness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October, 1985, as

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH MONTH

in South Dakota in hopes that citizens statewide will appreciate the seriousness and pervasiveness of this chronic illness and will support the activities of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in any way they can.

ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Wenty-seventh Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE